**Fish production in Orissa**

1046. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware trjat Orissa is a major fish producing State in the country; and

(b) if so. the action plan of the Centre to help the State to exploit this potential to improve the eonomy of the fish farmers of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN):(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) Government of India is implementing following centrally sponsored schemes for the development of fisheries and thereby to improve the econoifticcondition of the fish farmers in all the States/UTs including Orissa:

(i) Development of Inland Fisheries &Aquaculture.

(ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations.

(iii) Welfare of Fishermen.

(iv) Fisheries Training and Extention.

Under these schemes, Government of India has provided a sum of Rs. 1475.99 lakh as financial assistance to Government of Orissa during Tenth Five Year Plan (till date) for the development of fisheries and welfare of fishers in the State.

**Outbreak of mad cow disease**

1047. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been outbreak of mad cow disease in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the regions affected by the disease, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the details of competent laboratory/institute of ICAR that identified the outbreak of the disease;

(d) whether any affidavit has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala by the officials of CMFRI (ICAR) on the outbreak of above disease in India; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the officials for filing such an affidavit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Mad cow disease is not reported in India, therefore, the question of its identification does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

**Improving the condition of indebted farmers**

†1048. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of Government to improve the condition of indebted farmers;

(b) whether Government have issued any directions to the financial institutions, co-operative Banks, etc. so as to provide loans at earliest to the farmers in the our of their need;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have constituted Committee to simplify the loan structure and for fast redressal of problems of farmers; and

(e) if so, the terms of references of the Committee and the time by when its report is likely to be received by Government?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.